

# The Ehlers e-Newsletter

Monday, September 29, 2003

## *Last Week in the U.S. House of Representatives*

**HOUSE MOVES QUICKLY TO REINSTATE 'DO NOT CALL'** – Acting swiftly to counter a federal judge's ruling blocking implementation of the Federal Trade Commission's National Do Not Call Registry, Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers Thursday joined with his House colleagues to give the FTC the authority to activate the registry by its scheduled Oct. 1 start-up date.

*For more information, please read the press release on our website:*

[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03\\_ehlers/092503Donotcall.html](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03_ehlers/092503Donotcall.html)

**FEDS PROVIDE \$5M FOR GR LEAD ABATEMENT EFFORTS** – The City of Grand Rapids will receive nearly \$5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund removal of lead contamination in more than 500 of the city's homes, Congressman Ehlers announced.

*For more information, please read the press release on our website:*

[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03\\_ehlers/092903Leadgrant.html](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03_ehlers/092903Leadgrant.html)

## **THIS WEEK IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2003**

*On Monday, the House will meet at 12 noon in a Pro Forma Session.*

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

*On Tuesday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.*

#### **Suspensions (9 Bills):**

*(Bills on suspension are generally considered non-controversial and have reduced debate time, but require a two-thirds majority vote to be passed.)*

- 1) **H.R. 2086 - Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2003:** Reauthorizes the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) within the Executive Office of the President for 5 years, through the end of FY 2008. It also renews congressional authorization for national programs administered by ONDCP, including the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program.
- 2) **H.R. 2075 - Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building Designation Act**
- 3) **H.R. 3011 - Bob Hope Post Office Building Designation Act (Burbank, Calif.)**
- 4) **H.Res. 357 - Honoring the life and legacy of Bob Hope:** Resolves that the House of Representatives honors Bob Hope for his legendary career as an entertainer, decades of dedicated service to the men and women of the Armed Forces, and his many philanthropic and humanitarian acts and expresses condolences on his passing to his wife Dolores, their children, and grandchildren.
- 5) **H.Res. 306 - Congratulating the New York Yankees on the occasion of their 100th anniversary:** Resolves that the House of Representatives and the American people in extending heartfelt congratulations to the New York Yankees on the

occasion of its 100th anniversary, and express the sincerest gratitude to the entire organization.

- 6) **H.R. 1882 - Arthur 'Pappy' Kennedy Post Office Building Designation Act (Orlando, Fla.)**
- 7) **S. 570 - To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools:** Amends the Higher Education Act (HEA) to correct a drafting error from the 1998 reauthorization. During that reauthorization, an amendment intended to extend eligibility to a for-profit veterinary school inadvertently removed the eligibility of not-for-profit and public foreign veterinary schools from participation in the Title IV Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program. S. 570 corrects the problem by clarifying the in-state clinical training requirement is only applicable to for-profit institutions.
- 8) **H.Con.Res. 282 - Honoring the life of Johnny Cash:** Resolves that the Congress: (1) honors the life and accomplishments of Johnny Cash; (2) recognizes and honors Johnny Cash for his invaluable contributions to the Nation, Tennessee, and our musical heritage; and (3) extends condolences to the Cash family on the death of a remarkable man.
- 9) **H.Con.Res. 159 - Declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the enactment into law of the observance of Veterans Day.**

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2003 AND THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK**

*On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business. On Friday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business.*

#### **Suspensions (5 Bills):**

- 1) **H.R. 1276 - American Dream Downpayment Act:** Amends the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to authorize the Secretary of HUD to make grants to participating jurisdictions for downpayment assistance to low-income, first-time home buyers using the HOME program as a distribution mechanism.
- 2) **H.R. 2608 - National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2003:** Establishes an Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) on earthquake hazards reduction, consisting of the Directors of each Program agency, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Office of Management and Budget. It designates the Director of National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as the Chair of the ICC, and tasks the Committee with oversight, planning, management, and coordination of the program. The legislation also requires the Committee to develop, and update periodically, a strategic plan for the program that establishes the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) goals and priorities.
- 3) **H.R. 1260 - Animal Drug User Fee Act of 2003:** Information not available at time of publication.
- 4) **H.R. 3038 - Health Care Safety Net Amendments Technical Corrections Act of 2003:** Information not available at time of publication.

**5) H.R. 3034 - National Bone Marrow Donor Registry Reauthorization Act:**

Information not available at time of publication.

- \* Conference Reports may be brought up at any time.*
- \* Motions to go to Conference, should they become available.*
- \* Possible Motions to Instruct Conferees.*

**Historical Tidbits**

**On Sept. 29 ...**

1789 - A regular army was established by the [U.S.](#) War Department with several hundred men.

1983 - The War Powers Act was used for the first time by the [U.S.](#) Congress when they authorized President Reagan to keep [U.S.](#) Marines in Lebanon for 18 more months.

1994 - The [U.S.](#) House voted to end the practice of lobbyist buying meals and entertainment for members of Congress.

**On Sept. 30 ...**

1777 - The Congress of the United States moved to York, PA, due to advancing British forces.

**On Oct. 1 ...**

1885 - Special delivery mail service began in the United States. The first routes were in West Virginia.

1890 - The U.S. Congress passed the McKinley Tariff Act. The act raised tariffs to a record level.

1896 - Rural Free Delivery was established by the U.S. Post Office.

1979 - The United States handed control of the Canal Zone over to Panama.

1992 - The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty was approved by the U.S. Senate.

1994 - The U.S. and Japan avoided a trade war by reaching a series of trade agreements.

**On Oct. 2 ...**

1919 - U.S. President Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke that left him partially paralyzed.

1967 - Thurgood Marshall was sworn in. He was the first African-American member of the U.S. Supreme Court.

**On Oct. 3 ...**

1863 - U.S. President Lincoln declared that the last Thursday of November would be recognized as Thanksgiving Day.

1922 - Rebecca L. Felton became the first female to hold office of U.S. Senator. She was appointed by Governor Thomas W. Hardwick of Georgia to fill a vacancy.

(Information from <http://www.on-this-day.com>)

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